

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening that is ~~sealed~~ closed only with sealing material which is hermetically sealed to said brittle-fracture material, wherein the brittle-fracture material and the sealing material are permanently bonded together by a pressure weld, wherein the sealing material is a brittle-fracture material.
2. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material is glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.
3. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing material is a metal, a metal alloy or a metal composite.
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing material has a plate, spherical, conical or cylindrical shape.
6. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material is a glass plate, and wherein the at least one opening has the shape of a through-going cylindrical opening or through-going conical opening.

7. (Withdrawn) A laminated glass system comprising a molded element according to claim 6.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material and the sealing material are bonded by welding by movement.
10. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material and/or the sealing material is at least partially coated.
11. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing material is glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.
12. (Withdrawn) A laminated glass system according to claim 7, wherein the laminated glass system has electrochromic properties.
13. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material and the sealing material are bonded by ultrasound weld, high-frequency weld, rotary weld, friction weld, torsional or orbital weld, cold pressure weld or abrasive weld.
14. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material and/or the sealing material is at least partially metal- and/or plastic-coated.

15. (Currently Amended) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening to a cavity that is ~~sealed~~ closed only with sealing material which is hermetically sealed to said brittle-fracture material, wherein the brittle-fracture material and the sealing material are permanently bonded together by a cold pressure weld, wherein the sealing material is a brittle-fracture material.

16. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 15, wherein the cavity is filled with a gas or liquid.

17. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 15, wherein the sealing material is a brittle-fracture material.

18. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 15, wherein the sealing material is glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.

19. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material and the sealing material have the same coefficients of thermal expansion.

20. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material and the sealing material are made of the same material.

21. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material has one opening.

22. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the brittle-fracture material has two openings.

23. (Withdrawn) An electrochromic glazing comprising a molded element according to claim 1.

24. (Withdrawn) A mirror comprising a molded element according to claim 1.

25. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing material is homogeneous in material.

26. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the pressure weld contains material only from the brittle-fracture material and/or the sealing material.

27. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing material is solid at the time it is permanently bonded together with the brittle-fracture material by a pressure weld.

28. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A process for sealing an opening on a molded element according to claim 1, comprising inserting a sealing material into the opening and permanently hermetically ~~sealing~~ closing the same by a pressure weld.

29. (Currently Amended) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening that is ~~sealed~~ closed only with sealing material which is

hermetically sealed to said brittle-fracture material, wherein the brittle-fracture material and the sealing material are permanently bonded together by a diffusion weld, wherein the sealing material is a brittle-fracture material.